

Affordable housing Committee
May 23, 2005

Meeting called to order by Betty Rooney at 7:10 p.m.

Present were: Elizabeth Whaley, Betty Rooney, Antoinette Critelli, Vicki Doyle, Alison Hale, Sue Gregory, and Bonnie Hundt.

Betty Rooney introduced Deborah DeLong from the Dutchess County Workforce Housing Coalition, an alliance of businesses, government and community groups working together to act as a catalyst for the development of a range of housing options for the diverse workforce of Dutchess County. The group was formed in July of 2004. Deborah handed out a sample community survey, a list of community strategies to help create a range of housing opportunities, and demographics for Amenia and Dutchess County. (attached)

Some key points discussed:

- Homes costing \$300,000 and less go very fast, often have bidding wars, lower end prices escalate even more
- Housing prices go up much faster than wages
- Start with a survey to assess needs of the community
- Identify properties
- Identify groups, not-for-profits, developers
- The development process takes approximately three years from start to finish
- Town boards can mandate developers to integrate lower income units within their developments

All agreed to work on a possible survey for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on June 6, 2005, at 7p.m. Anne Saylor will be at the meeting on June 20, 2005.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.